THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The State Advisory Committee in Orissa was last constituted in 1977 and is presently not fully constituted.

(c) and (d) The last meeting was held in 1977. State Government is responsible to convene the meetings of the State Advisory Committee.

(e) The NCC is in existence in all the States.

(f) There is no proposal to increase the strength of the NCC in Orissa.

Exploration by India in Antarctica

2769. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of explorations, if any, being carried out by India in the Antarctica;

(b) whether any other expedition is planned to Antarctica in the near future; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Geological, geophysical meteorological, upper atmospheric and oceanographic studies have been carried out during the earlier Indian scientific expeditions to Antarctica.

(b) and (c) The Seventh Indian Scientific Expedition sailed from Goa on 25th November 1987 and is expected to land on Antarctica during the last week of December 1987. This expedition also will continue the studies in the fields enumerated

Bilateral Discussions for Repatriation of Chakma Refugees

2770. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mnister of Human Resource Development had recently visited Dhaka and held bilateral discussions over the issue of the repatriation of the Chakma refugees from the Chittagong Hills area; and

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Bangladesh Government assured the Minister for Human Resources Development that they would take the necessary steps to create peaceful and secure conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts which would give the refugees the confidence to return. However, in the absence of concrete action by Bangladesh so far, the refugees have not been willing to leave.

Collaboration Agreements for the LCA

2771. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that collaboration agreements for various subsystems of the Light Combat Aircraft have been finalised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a French manufacturer has been selected as the prime contractor; and

(c) what is the percentage of components that are being manufactured indigenously and what percentage is being imported for the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft and from